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FR 2 767 432 discloses that the switch has a pair of relatively spaced IR transmitters (1,5) and a cooperating IR detector (2), for acting as a reflection light barrier, detecting operation of the touch-control. Only a defined light signal from the detector is used to provide an operating signal, e.g. the reflection light signal from only one of the IR transmitters, the operation of the switch indicated by a display element (6)

DE 198 32 757 indicates that to control the operation of an electric domestic appliance, the appliance is started with a selected operating function taken from stored program parameters. The actual program parameter in force is displayed (1), for a given time period, and the operating panel (60) for input is activated for the program parameter to be modified.

EPI 273 851 indicates that an adjusting strip (4) has a display strip (6) with display sections allocated to corresponding adjustment sections, light-emitting diodes and graphic displays. The adjusting sections each have sensors sensitive to the touch of a finger (F) that can operate capacitively, inductively, optically, thermally, and piezoelectrically, etc. and have touchable panel areas. An Independent claim is also included for a cooking appliance with an adjusting device and an adjusting strip with display strips shown at different points.

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DE 102 03 614 discloses that the touch controls (16,18,20) select the upper and lower oven or the grill for operating switches (48,50,52) and a timer creates a delay to allow for corrections. An indicator (22) shows the required temperature set by controls (24,26) and a clock (28), set by controls (30), shows the operation timing.

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